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ABSTRACT

1 Providing a broadcast system wherein storage of
2 contents on the receiving side and use restriction on the
3 stored contents, etc. can be performed per service provided
4 by contents providers. In a storage-based digital broadcast
5 system wherein contents transmitted from a sending side are
6 stored on a receiving side then reproduced, the sending
7 side transmits service structure information for describing
8 relational structure between services provided by contents
9 providers and reference information for associating the
10 contents with the service structure information in advance,
11 and the receiving side receives and stores service
12 structure information and reference information and uses
13 the received service structure information and reference
14 information to manage storage of contents. It is possible
15 to control contents per service based on service structure
16 information and information that can be reorganized from
17 reference information.